

## CASHIER OVERBY DECLARED GUILTY

His Punishment Two Years in Penitentiary and Fine of \$100.

### PETITION FOR PARDON

Each Member of Jury Signs Paper Asking Governor for Mercy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., February 22.—(W.) The jury, find the defendant, E. W. Overby, guilty of felony as charged in the indictment, and fix his punishment at a fine of \$100 and confinement in the State penitentiary for two years. Slender, R. N. Northern, foreman.

The above was the verdict of the Richmond jury rendered this afternoon about 5 o'clock in the trial of E. W. Overby for falsifying the financial statement of the Bank of Mecklenburg, which he sent to the Corporation Commission.

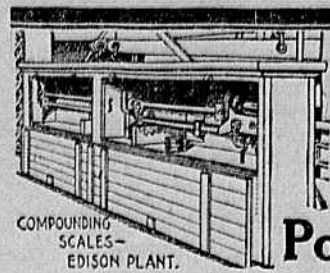
The argument was concluded at 1 o'clock and the case given to the jury, after which the court took a recess. When court reconvened there was a painful suspense, and for over two hours the judge, lawyers and spectators sat waiting for the knock to come from the jury-room. When the verdict was finally returned there was no demonstration whatever.

Judge Parkdale, in discharging the jurors, thanked them for the faithful performance of a painful duty and also for their attentive and gentlemanly hearing throughout the trial.

Major G. L. Rison, of Chatham, conducted the prosecution in an able and fearless manner. Messrs. R. T. Thorpe, of Norfolk, and Jack Lee, of Lynchburg, represented Mr. Overby and made splendid arguments. The courtroom was well filled with an eager and attentive crowd.

Every member of the jury that found Overby guilty immediately signed a petition to the Governor to pardon him.

Lovers Intercepted. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—One night the past week the Rev. A. H.



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## CASHIER IS FOUND GUILTY



E. W. OVERBY.

Burroughs, who conducts a Mecca here for eloping couples, and who has married more than twenty couples this month, was at the train to meet a

young couple from Troutdale, Va., who failed to reach the Mecca. It developed that the couple had been intercepted at Marion, just as they were in the act of boarding the train when the late father of the girl took her in charge and returned with her to the family home.

### MORE EVANGELISTS.

Church Hopes by This Move to Increase Membership.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—At the mid-year meeting of the presiding elders of the Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it was decided to add to the number of evangelists within the conference, increasing the number at once from two to five. This resulted from a proposition to follow the example of the Oklahoma conference by having one evangelist for each church district. There was some opposition to this plan, although it was stated that the Oklahoma conference was able within two years to increase its membership 10,000 by such an arrangement. Presiding Elder T. J. Eskridge, of the Abingdon district, stated that he would endeavor to have the largest of the district support an evangelist, whose labors would be confined to the district.

### HEARING CONTINUED.

More Evidence Introduced in Parsons-Saunders Contest.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MARTINSVILLE, VA., February 22.—The taking of testimony in the Parsons-Saunders election contest was resumed here to-day, and the examination of the county registrars was continued. Parsons's attorneys undertook to show irregularities between the poll books and registration books, claiming that some unregistered voters had voted. They made little progress in this direction. They also claimed that a number of voters who had not paid their capitation tax, or at least were not on the treasurer's lists, were allowed to vote, and they propose to file copies of these lists to show this. Mr. Carver, of Independence, was assisting Mr. Peyton on the Parsons side to-day, and Messrs. Carter and Gravelly were looking after Mr. Saunders's interests.

### WILL ABANDON BRISTOL.

Cut Discouraged by Failure of Messing to Reappear.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—Because Dr. Cyrus R. Todd, their messiah, who died December 22, failed to resurrect, as they had been taught he would, the Koreshians have decided to abandon Bristol. The colony of that cult here will have all departed as soon as their property interests are disposed of. D. Silverfriend, vice-president of the unit, arrived in Washington, D. C., this morning, and will remain there for the present. The unit's property here is valued at \$125,000, the principal part of it being a wood-working plant, which is to be sold under a trust deed March 12.

### DEMANDS REQUISITION.

Prisoner Refuses to Return to Virginia Without One.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—A singular case involving the right of a prisoner to demand that a requisition be taken from one State to another has just arisen here. Kirk Mitchell, who was held as a prisoner in the Smyth county (Va.) jail on a charge of selling whiskey in violation of the law, made his escape in company with other prisoners and came to Bristol. He was recaptured on the Tennessee side, and although a fugitive and having no legal right to be in Tennessee, he declines to return to Virginia without the formality of a requisition.

The Commonwealth's attorney could find no law to refute Mitchell's claim to such a privilege, and so he has asked the Governor of Tennessee for a requisition.

### Day Is Observed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., February 22.—The Washington anniversary was observed here to-day with appropriate exercises in the colleges and public schools, and to-night the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a special exercise, with Dr. Nat T. Dulaney as the orator of the occasion. The banks and post-office were closed.

### Residence Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., February 22.—The residence of R. H. Mashburn, outside the city limits, about 4 o'clock this morning with all its contents, the family hastily escaping in their night clothes. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## WANDERING AWAY FROM WASHINGTON

His Ideals of Government No Longer Ideals of Country's Leaders.

### JUDGE PARKER'S ADDRESS

He Speaks to Students on Life and Addresses of First President.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 22.—The birthday of George Washington was made especially notable at the University of Virginia to-day by the able, scholarly address of Judge Alton B. Parker, the distinguished New York jurist and former Democratic nominee for the presidency.

Judge Parker was greeted by a large audience at Cabell Hall at noon to-day, and his address elicited much applause. After sketching briefly but succinctly the life and services of Washington, the orator passed to a general review of the three notable papers of the great patriot—his Letter to the Governors, his Address to the Officers and his Farewell Address. The vital contents of these papers, as affecting the future welfare of the young republic, were reviewed in a masterly manner.

Speaking of Washington the man, Judge Parker said: "If, in passing, we note his English ancestry, the advancement of his family in this country, it is but to recall that he enjoyed substantially no advantages to which all within the sound of any voice cannot attain if the intent be present. Wisely, as a youth, he sought rather than neglected such opportunities as lay at hand to improve himself by association with the cultured and worthy of the community. He was a treasurer, not an earnest worker; a diligent, persistent, careful, accurate man, who deemed no moment lost, devoted to the performance of duty which he saw he was to do."

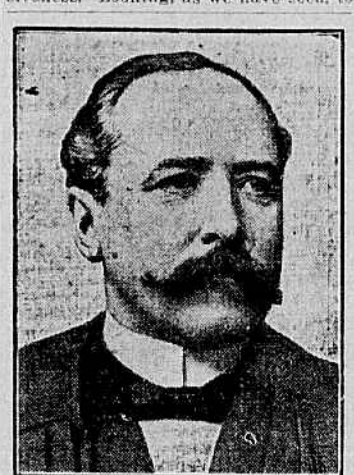
And again: "Nor does his prominence gain adventures and through any paucity of background or surrounding. He lived amid events which tried men's characters as seldom since or before. When, reversing the current of time, as though the Lord was winnowing out men's hearts, his contemporaries were among the ablest men produced by any period in history. He stands before us, then, not an isolated figure, but one among a number of great men—statesmen of recognized abilities, in several instances of superior education and larger literary ability—Jefferson, of whom we have already thought, a master of polemics; Hamilton, clear-minded, limpid of thought and speech; Morris, of almost epigrammatic eloquence in written thought; the orator, Patrick Henry; Samuel Adams, the eloquent; and, though mentioned last, by no means least, the shrewd, kindly and able Franklin. Yet, even on their own ground, when under pressure of great event or spurred by great situation, Washington lacks not equality."

In concluding this portion of his address the speaker added: "He has emerged from the week of time as the great character of the American Revolution, and when we contemplate the perils to which he was exposed, and the chance that attends upon human affairs, we must reflect that he shrunk from no responsibility, nor sought to evade any duty, the ill performance of which would bring forth criticism, and then consider the position to which his fame has justly attained, may we not say with England's greatest writer: 'O God! Thy servant was brave.'"

The Farewell Address. In discussing the last of the three great papers left us by the Father of Our Country—Washington's political testament—the farewell address, Mr. Parker said in part:

"The address deals also with a sub-

ject of ever-recurring moment to this country which we have been wont to compress into the phrase: the avoidance of entangling foreign alliances. It raises too vast a subject to be here pursued. The diplomatic history of the United States shows, until, perhaps, these last few years, a close adherence to this maxim, and through and under that adherence one might almost say by reason of it have we prospered.



JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER.

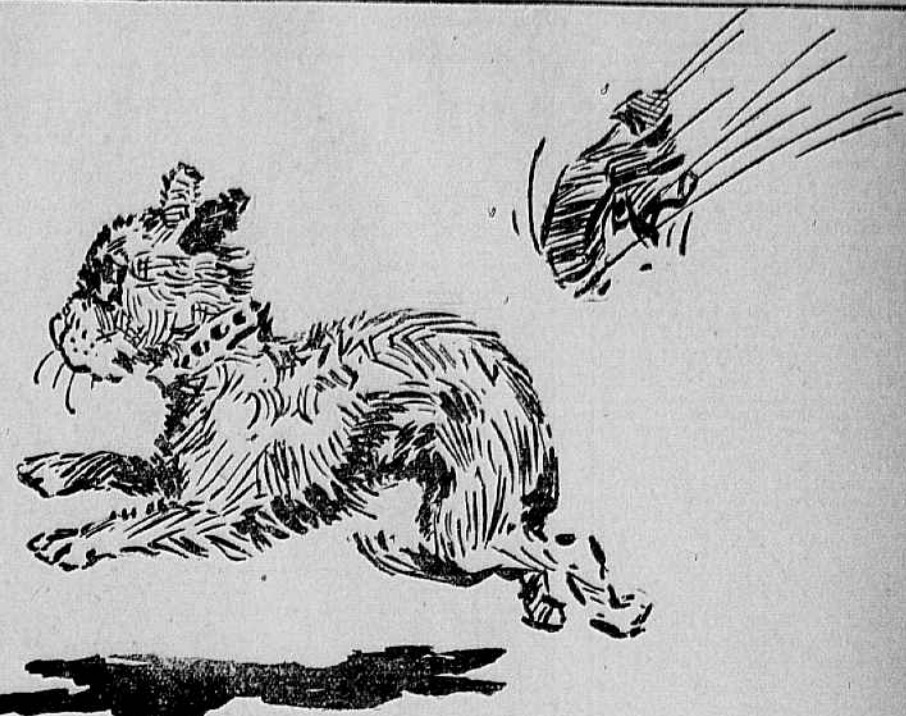
the future as well as to the past, he points out that if our Union continue we must necessarily become of a strength which will permit us to refuse to participate in foreign controversies that we shall become, as we have become, too strong for warring nations to dare to give us provocation, and that by the occupancy of a place aloof we shall be in a position where we may consult the dictates of justice to determine our course as events shall arise.

Cry of Commercial. "Here is a point where we should stop and consider. Lately the cry of commercial advantage and of the necessity of protecting an extended commerce, in other words, those resulting effects of our position and our opportunities which he foresaw, have made it very much the fashion to say that this doctrine is antiquated. For the future peace, security and happiness of the people of these United States, let us hope that this view may prevail.

"We have heard lately that we are a world power and must assume our position as such; that we cannot neglect the alleged duty which is said to be thrust upon us by our acquired prominence among the nations. The argument is specious; its end is destruction. It makes, in the last analysis, merely for the aggrandizement of a few, and the misery of the many. It was foreseen and against it he has warned us. He tells us of the folly in one nation of looking for disinterested favors from another, characterizing it as an illusion which experience must cure, and which a just pride ought to discard. This, in relation to our commercial foreign policy, and for our political foreign policy, bids us steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world."

FOR MACADAM ROAD. Appropriation Made for Highway Over Blue Ridge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., February 22.—The Augusta County Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$1,500, the balance necessary to build a twelve-foot



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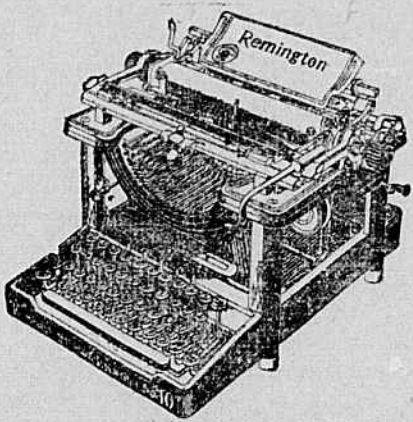
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